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last of the big time splendors

ROUTE 1...408 miles

West Yellowstone, Montana, to West Glacier, Montana, 408 miles via Quake Lake, Butte, Anaconda, Missoula, Flathead Lake. This scenic route takes you along the trout-rich Madison River, through historic mining settlements, up the West side of the Continental Divide through towering mountains, cool national forests, through the Flathead Indian Reservation, past giant Flathead Lake to Glacier National Park.

1. West Yellowstone western, year-around entrance to Yellowstone National Park
2. Quake Lake and Visitor Center (26.8 mi.)...site of 1959 earthquake • side trip to Wade Lake, Cliff Lake (10.2 mi.) ...excellent fishing, camping.
3. Ennis (71 mi.)...trout fishing headquarters on Madison River
4. Virginia City (85 mi.)...restored 2nd Montana Territorial Capital...site of rich gold strikes.
5. Nevada City (86.5 mi.)..in the heart of Vigilante Country Restored and rebuilt • side trip to Bannack (104 mi.)... State Monument, 1st Montana territorial capital.
6. Butte (150 mi.)...richest hill on earth ..open pit and underground copper mines.
7. Anaconda (176 mi.)...world's largest smokestack
   - side trip to Big Hole Battlefield (127.2 mi.)...Chief Joseph defeat
   - side trip to Lost Creek State Park (20 mi.)...camping, ghost town area
   - side trip over Skalkaho pass (58.3 mi.)...scenic Sapphire Mountain drive
8. Missoula (268 mi.)...home of University of Montana, hub of three mountain valleys
9. National Bison Range (304 mi.).. scenic 19 mile self-guiding tour Buffalo, deer, elk
10. St. Ignatius (309 mi.)...St. Ignatius Mission, Flathead Indian Reservation. Historic church with hand-painted frescoes
11. Polson (335 mi.)...scenic resort area on tip of giant Flathead Lake
12. East Shore Drive to Bigfork, West Glacier (408 mi.)...cherry orchard, water recreation, summer theater area
13. West shore to Kalispell to West Glacie (422 mi.)...scenic water recreation are camping, fishing
    - side trip to Whitefish (56 mi.). water recreation, Big Mountain Sk area

ROUTE 2...422 miles

West Yellowstone, Montana, to West Glacie Montana, 422 miles via Bozeman, Helena an the scenice Swan Valley. This delightful rout lures you along the lovely Gallatin River car yon to Bozeman and then to the birthplace o the Missouri River, on to Montana's capita city and through a lovely river valley wit glimpses of the giant Bob Marshall Wilder ness area.

1. West Yellowstone...western, year around entrance to Yellowstone Na tional Park
2. Gallatin Canyon (approx. 52 mi.) . fol low the Gallatin River, one of Montana' Blue Ribbon trout streams Views o Spanish Peaks Primitive Area
3. Bozeman (90 mi.).. home of Montan State University
   - side trip to Bridger Bowl (34 mi.).. one of state's major ski areas
4. Three Forks (120 mi.)....Madison, Galla tin and Jefferson Rivers join to form th Missouri River. Discovered by Lewis an Clark
   - side trip to Madison Buffalo Jum State Monument (28 mi.)
   - side trip to Lewis and Clark Cavern State Park (42.8 mi.) Largest lime stone caves in the northwest Guide tours
5. Helena (186 mi.)...Montana State Cap tal. Historical Society Museum...collec tion of Russell originals and othe western memorabilia Last Chance Gulch site of 1864 Gold Discovery Histori buildings and displays
   - side trip to Canyon Ferry Dam an Reservoir (38 mi.)...camping, fish ing, boating
   - side trip, Circle 8 tour (74.8 mi.). scenic mountain trip, wildlife, hiking photography
   - side trip, Gates of the Mountains (3 mi.)...discovered and named by Lewi and Clark Boating, hiking, picnickin

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WELCOME to two of America's most scenic National Parks Glacier and Yellowstone and to the State of Montana which lies between. This is your invitation to ESCAPE escape from the ordinary to this unmatched land. Miles and miles of freedom and vacation fun, plenty of excitement and relaxation await you. Outlined here are four suggested routes to get you from park to park and provide a whole world of new vacation experiences in the process. Explore! Enjoy! Live! Escape to Montana
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6. Avon-Clearwater Junction (288 mi.)... shortcut route over State Highways 272 and 271 to join Highway 200
7. Swan Valley (356 mi.)...lovely cool mountain highway follows scenic Swan River. Lakes, camping, fishing. Between Mission Mountain Primitive Area and Bob Marshall Wilderness
8. Columbia Falls (403 mi.)...one of gateway towns to Glacier National Park
   - side trip, Hungry Horse Dam [23 mi.] ...Visitor Center, self guiding tour
9. West Glacier (422 mi.)...headquarters, offices, Glacier National Park

ROUTE 3...373 miles... Interpark Route

West Yellowstone, Montana, to East Glacier, Montana, 373 miles via Bozeman, Helena, Wolf Creek, Augusta. Another delightful and varied way to see Montana between the two great National Parks; caverns, rivers, lakes, national forests, great camping and fishing... and plenty of chances for photography.

1. West Yellowstone, Montana ..western, year-around entrance to Yellowstone National Park
2. Bozeman (90 mi.).. home of Montana State University
3. Three Forks (120 mi.)...Madison, Gallatin and Jefferson Rivers form the mighty Missouri River here
   - side trip to Lewis and Clark Caverns [42.8 mi.]...largest limestone caves in the northwest, guided tours
   - side trip to Madison Buffalo Jump State Monument [28 mi.]
4. Helena (186 mi.)...Montana State Capital. SEE ROUTE 2 LISTING FOR POINTS OF INTEREST AND SIDE TRIPS
5. Wolf Creek (223 mi.)...near Missouri River Recreation Road
   - side trip to Holter Lake Recreation Area [22 mi.]...summer fun area, camping, boating, fishing, hiking
6. Augusta (262 mi.)...cross the swift Dearborn River on U.S. 287 to cool summer recreation area
   - side trip to Gibson Dam [46 mi.]... national forest camping, fishing, boating
7. Choteau (287 mi.)...SEE ROUTE 4 LISTING
8. Browning (360 mi.)...SEE ROUTE 4 LISTING
9. East Glacier (373 mi.)...SEE ROUTE 4 LISTING

ROUTE 4...364 miles... Interpark Route

Gardiner, Montana, to East Glacier, Montana, 364 miles via the INTERPARK route, U.S. Highway 89. Follow this shortest route between the parks...follow the lovely Yellowstone River, see historic mining towns and unusual museums, see Charles M. Russell's original log cabin, visit the Giant Springs... hunt, fish, hike, camp, explore...escape to a world of vacation pleasure.

1. Gardiner, Montana...northern, year-around entrance to Yellowstone National Park
2. Yellowstone River (19 mi.)...one of Montana's Blue Ribbon trout streams
3. Livingston (53 mi.)...home of Calamity Jane, site of annual August National Fresh Water Trout Derby
4. White Sulphur Springs (126 mi.)...hot sulphur springs, trout fishing, museum
   - side trip to Fort Logan [37.2 mi.]... original fort blockhouse
   - side trip to Castle [37.5 mi.]...historic mining ghost town
5. Kings Hill (161 mi.)...summer camping, winter sports area
6. Neihart (169 mi.)...historic mining town in heart of Little Belt Mountains. Museum, fishing, camping
7. Monarch (181 mi.)...historic mining town
   - side trip to Hughesville [17 mi.]... early mining area
8. Great Falls (225 mi.)...one of Montana's largest cities. Original Charles M. Russell log cabin and new art gallery, Giant Springs, Malmstrom Air Force Base, Lewis and Clark Trail portage site
   - side trip to Fort Benton [82 mi.]... historic early riverboat port, museum, embarkation for Missouri River White Cliffs boat trips
   - side trip to Fort Shaw [23 mi.]... site of 1867 fort. Gibbon marched from here to join Custer at the Little Bighorn
9. Choteau (278 mi.)...gateway to Bob Marshall Wilderness, museum, winter sports area
   - side trip to Gibson Reservoir [68.5 mi.]...summer recreation area
10. Browning (351 mi.)...Blackfoot Indian Reservation, Museum of the Plains Indian, wildlife museum, authentic souvenirs
11. East Glacier (364 mi.).. entrance to Glacier National Park, Two Medicine Lake, Going-to-the-Sun Road
12. Waterton (417 mi.)...Canadian section of Waterton-Glacier International Peace Park

(—mi.) indicates distance from Yellowstone National Park entry point [—mi.] indicates roundtrip side trip mileage from nearest highway junction

glacier national park

The Crown of the Continent, Glacier National Park is an awe-inspiring escape to a million acres of crystal clear streams, glaciers, sparkling glacial lakes, cloud-scraping mountains, dense forests, cascading waterfalls, sheer cliffs, a profusion of wild animals and lovely flowers. Spectacular Going-to-the-Sun Road crosses the Continental Divide at Logan Pass and traverses the towering Garden Wall. The park opens about the first week in June and remains open well into October with accommodations in the park open from June 10 to September 10. All year-around accommodations are available on the park's fringes. Established as a national park by Congress May 11, 1910 it is the U.S. section of the Waterton-Glacier International Peace Park.

yellowstone national park

Three of the five entrances to Yellowstone, the largest and oldest of all National Parks, are in Montana... leading you to a fantastic world of spouting geysers, brilliant pools, bubbling mud cauldrons, rugged mountains, deep colorful canyons, rushing streams, cold water lakes and a wealth of natural wildlife. Accommodations will be open in the park this year from June 1 to October 8, with special winter accommodations near Old Faithful Geyser at Snow Lodge. Snowmobile trips have become an increasingly popular way to see the White Face of Yellowstone. Year-around accommodations are available at Gardiner and West Yellowstone, Montana, and surrounding communities.

MONTANA highlights

• Bannack...remains of first territorial capital • Beartooth Highway...U.S. 212 ...rises to elevation of 10,940 ft. • Big Hole National Battlefield near Wisdom • Custer Battlefield National Monument near Hardin • Flathead Lake, northwest Montana...year-around playground • Gates of the Mountains near Helena • Going-to-the-Sun Road...crosses Continental Divide in Glacier National Park • Granite Peak near Red Lodge... state's highest peak 12,799 ft. • Helena, capital city...site of 1864 gold discovery • Historical Society Museum and Gallery, Helena • Indian Caves Monument near Billings...Indian Pictographs • Lewis and Clark Caverns State Park...huge limestone caves • Lewis and Clark Trail...route of explorers • Madison Canyon Earthquake Area...site of 1959 earthquake • National Bison Range near Moiese... self-guiding tours • Nevada City... rebuilt site of early mining history • Pompeys Pillar near Billings...Capt. Wm. Clark carved his name here • Rock hounding for sapphires, agates, gold, garnets, rubies • Virginia City... restored gold rush town • 11 national forests with 16,635,000 acres of public lands • 452 miles of Blue Ribbon Trout Stream • 27 Rocky Mountain Powder Snow Ski Areas